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SUBJECT: MEDITERRANEAN POLICY-- CITRUS AND CAP FOR PROCESSED
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

REF: A. EC BRUSSELS 3374; B. EC BRUSSELS 3406

1. SUMMARY. WE ARE STILL AWAITING DETAILS OF THE EC COUNCIL
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(AGMINS) DECISIONS ON PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AND ON CITRUS IN CONNECTION WITH MEDITERRANEAN POLICY. MEANWHILE, WE HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN TO HIJZEN. HE EXPECTS THAT THE COMMISSION WILL SHORTLY BE ABLE TO GIVE US MORE INFORMATION ON THESE MATTERS. END SUMMARY.

2. WE TOOK THE OCCASION OF A MEETING WITH HIJZEN ON JUNE 22 TO BRING UP THE RECENT EC COUNCIL (AGMINS) DECISIONS ON PROCESSED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AND ON CITRUS IN THE CONTEXT OF MEDITERRANEAN POLICY (REFTEL B). AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THESE ACTIONS BY THE AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS ARE A PRELUDE TO THE EC COUNCIL (FON MINS) JUNE 25-26 MEETING. THEY WILL FIGURE IN THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' DISCUSSIONS OF MANDATES FOR FORTHCOMING EC NEGOTIATIONS WITH SPAIN, ISRAEL AND THE MAGHREB COUNTRIES.

3. WE TOLD HIJZEN THAT, WHILE WE ARE STILL AWAITING FULL DETAILS OF THE AGMINS DECISIONS, THE MISSION WANTED AGAIN TO MAKE CLEAR OUR CONCERN (A) ABOUT ANY ADDITIONAL PREFERENCES ON CITRUS AND (B) ABOUT MINIMUM IMPORT PRICES ON GATT- BOUND ITEMS. WE REMINDED HIJZEN THAT WE STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO OUR MARCH 14 NOTE ON THE LATTER SUBJECT (REFTEL A).

4. HIJZEN SAID THAT HE, HIMSELF, DOES NOT YET KNOW THE DETAILS OF THE AGMINS' DECISIONS AND HOW THEY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED. HE EXPECTED THAT THE COMMISSION COULD SHORTLY GIVE US SOME DETAIL AND HE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO ANSWER THE US NOTE SOON. HE ALSO URGED THAT, IN ASSESSING THESE ACTIONS, WASHINGTON CONSIDER THE REAL EFFECTS ON US TRADE -- FOR EXAMPLE, WHETHER MIPS ARE SET AT SUFFICIENTLY LOW LEVELS TO AVOID DIFFICULTY FOR US EXPORTS. WE SAID THAT PROBABLE EFFECT ON TRADE IS, OF COURSE, A SIGNIFICANT FACT TO BE CONSIDERED, BUT THAT THE US IS ALSO SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUNDAMENTAL TRADE POLICY IMPLICATIONS OF MIPS ON SENSITIVE ITEMS THAT REPRESENT IMPAIRMENT OF BINDINGS AS EXPLAINED IN THE US NOTE. GREENWALD

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